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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.

March 16, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, how poignant is the Pentateuch story when the father-in-law of Moses boldly approaches the great law-giver and says:

"You are not acting wisely. You will surely wear yourself out, not only yourself but also the people around you. The task is too heavy for you. You cannot do it alone.

"Now listen to me, and I will give you some advice that God may be with you. Act as the people's representative before God, bringing to God whatever they have to say."

Then his father-in-law outlines for Moses how he is to delegate his work of overseeing and communicating with the people. He tells Moses to select "God-fearing and trustworthy helpers who hate dishonest gain for themselves. Moses is to form them into a pyramid of dialogue and decision-making that will reach down to the weakest voices in the community.

"Moses followed the advice of his father-in-law and did exactly what he said."

Lord God, help our brothers and sisters in Congress to go and do likewise,

seeking "not to be served but to serve" in Your holy name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCHENRY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain requests for 10 one-minute speeches on each side.

### CHILD PORNOGRAPHY STING

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, let me commend the administration, particularly Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, for his investigation that has busted a ring of 27 charged in a child pornography sting. Images traded worldwide on Internet chat room, despicable, disgusting, disgraceful conduct. Agents from the Justice Department, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and law enforcement authorities in several countries participated in this sting.

This is disturbing news about pedophilia at the youngest, youngest

age of children and victims. I urge the Senate to take up the House bill that was sent over in messages to help us rid this society of the scourge of child pornography, sexual exploitation, child molestation and finally get tough with the people that commit these heinous crimes against our most vulnerable. We have sent it overwhelmingly by voice vote to the other Chamber.

I urge Senator FRIST to bring his Chamber together to pass this vital legislation so we can continue to crack down on these monsters.

### HUMAN HEALTH IN THE WORLD

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, yesterday we heard the new president of Liberia, Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, discuss the challenge her country faces from the greatest threat to human health in the world. It wasn't AIDS, tuberculosis, even the people shot and bombed in armed conflict. It was the needless death from water-borne disease. It is why one half the people who are sick today are ill. It has claimed more lives than all the wars in human history.

Today we start the World Water Forum in Mexico City. Currently; the State Department is at work preparing a plan for the United States to meet its commitment to safe drinking water and sanitation around the world. I hope our Congress reflects upon our responsibility to prevent this needless death, and that we step up to adequately fund these important programs in our foreign aid budget.

### SOLUTIONS TO THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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